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**SURE GUIDANCE:**—In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.—Proverbs 3:6.

### Merry Christmas!

Women have accomplished another great reform. They have invaded the barber shop and the smoker until there's no place left for risqué stories except the magazines.

Who can remember the good old days when you could enter a barber shop without having to wait for the tonsorial crew to trim up a half dozen bobbed heads?

The president of the Austrian republic insists on fighting a duel with the man who called him "an old fool." For a politician it seems to us that he is unduly sensitive.

A few minutes of Christmas Eve or Christmas Day can well be spent reading the feature article in this issue of The Observer by William Allen White on "Why Is Christmas Merry?"—a fitting thought stimulant for the holiday.

A La Grande man says that he used about ten gallons of gas a month for his car up until the present vacation period, but that a son is home from college and consumption has jumped to ten gallons a day. Which isn't a very serious problem, after all, since he told about it with a smile on his face.

### ITS SINGLE IMPERFECTION

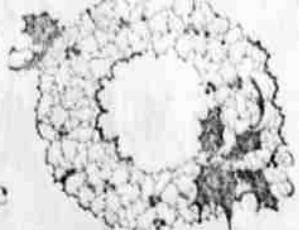
Of all the holidays in the secular and sacred calendar of America, the spirit of none is so nearly perfect as that of Christmas Day. It would be difficult to find more than a single flaw. Of course weather, bad cigars, a misbehaved stomach and other trifles may make the day disappointing, but small things aside there remains the one imperfection that its spirit survives too frequently only the single day.

Perhaps it is folly to expect such an Elysian experience to stand up longer than 24 hours or the holiday week at the most. Perhaps a continuous round of it would weigh heavily. It's hard to imagine having the spirit of Christmas in over-abundance but it might be had for the spiritual and psychological tract. It may be too much of a good thing, but somehow or other it seems unfortunate that the amity and good-will which prevails among humans this day cannot survive the last stroke of the midnight bell.

This is the day when the man with gout smiles. The dyspeptic ventures to tell jokes. Willie spills the jam with impunity. Old feuds are forgotten. Mildred's envy of her neighbor's gown may be envy but it is not tainted with green. April Fool on Christmas Day would be no day at all. The man who slips on a banana peel comes up gurgling with joy. Everyone is friendly and appreciates friendliness. Commercialized as the day may be on its surface, it is a day that breeds tolerance in every heart, it happily recalls old friends of an almost forgotten day, and it emphasizes the joy and happiness to be found at every home and fireside. It is as near to the millennial stage as it is possible to get before that era dawns.

And it is all so genuine. The hypocrite hides his hypocrisy. Even affectation affects sincerity so buoyant and glowing is the spirit of the day. Partisanship, crowd, nationalism, all the cleavages which separate humanity into sects and groups and cliques are closed and smoothed by the cement of good will and fraternity. Surely the birth of such a movement has a significance that cannot be discounted and that would indicate a future time when its spirit will be in evidence in the hearts of men for something more than a day or a week of the Christmas season.

To our many Patrons and Friends we wish a MERRY CHRISTMAS  
**Red Cross Drug Store**



**OFFICE CAT**  
By Jimmie

A hypocrite, is a man who puts clove to make his friends believe he has had a drink.

Robert Robin—Well, George, how's business?

George Grindstone—Fine. It's a peculiar thing in my line of business when things are dull—that's when I'm the busiest.

How about the following for titles for new dances?  
"The Twin Bed Tumble"; "The Refrigerator Rag"; "The Table Top Tango"; "The Chiffonier Shimmy"; "The Sofa Shuffle"; "The Davenport Duck"; "The High Heel"; "The Kitchen Cabinet Clog"; "The Day Bed Dream"; "The Rocker Rattle"; "The Jardine Jazz"; "The Gate-Leg Gag".

We are not so very old, but we can remember when all that a face needed before going out was washing.

Speaking of infant prodigies, at the age of three months the child Paderewski played on the piano.

Shouldn't an old boy wear half mourning when he discovers that the sweetie he married is dead from the cars up?

Butcher—You want some brains, ma'am?  
Housewife—Yes, please. My husband hasn't had any for a long time.

Some folks have a hard time thinking about the hard time they would be having if they were having a hard time.

In this day and time a woman is considered dressed up in proportion to the clothes she leaves off.

Lawyer—Where were you the night of the accident?  
Defendant—With a couple of friends.

L.—Thieves, probably?  
D.—Yes, sir. Both were lawyers.

An optimist is a woman who marries a man.

### RANCH OWNER SHOOTS SELF

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self through the head Thursday morning, December 17, but did not die until 3 a. m. Tuesday. His wife and cousin, John Tipton, were eating breakfast in the ranch house when the shooting took place. Medical aid was summoned immediately from Burns, Ore., and for a time hopes were entertained for his recovery. Following the inquest, the body was taken to Crane, Ore., where funeral services were held Wednesday.

### Story of The Christ's Birth Will Be Retold

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Lindsay's class.  
Recitation—John Baldwin.  
Recitation, "Christmas Songs at Our House"—Louis Jean Davis.  
Recitation, "Hang on the Baby's Stocking"—Sylvia Hodgkin.  
Recitation—Carlton Appleby.  
Song, "Holy Night"—Primary department.  
Recitation—Maretha Gardner.  
Recitation—Jerry Neal.  
Piano duet—Jane Ravenscroft and Patsy Jessa.  
Recitation, "Winter"—Kathleen Williamson.  
Recitation, "A Joke on Pa"—Wilbur Tedford.  
Recitation—Gloria Scan.  
Recitation—Robby and Jerry O'Brien.  
Recitation, "Don't Open Till Christmas"—Billy Smith.  
Recitation, "A Free Gift"—Charles Young.  
Recitation, "Christmas Quotation"—Cecil Hale.  
Recitation, "What We Can Do"—Carl Hansen.  
Christmas pageant.  
Song by Junior entertainers—"We Three Kings of Orient Are."



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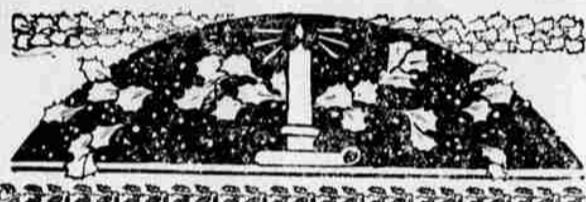
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Santa Claus and treat for the children.  
**Episcopal.**  
Children's festival and Christmas pageant will begin at 7:30 p. m. Bishop Remington, of Pendleton, will speak at the children at this service.  
The midnight communion service will commence Christmas eve at 11 o'clock. Bishop Remington will have charge. The offering will be for the support of the church program.  
A Sunday school Christmas tree and a program will be given at the M. E. church, South, Thursday evening, Dec. 24. Program will open at 7 p. m.  
J. A. Hall.

**Zion Lutheran—English.**  
Children's Christmas festival Thursday evening, 7 o'clock. This year our church will stage the most elaborate program on Thursday evening that has ever been attempted and under the direction of Mrs. Hall. One of the features is termed "The Incense Burners." A reader first explains the significance of incense, and then four girls in costume illustrate the ascending prayer to the throne of God. The special feature, however, will be "A Christmas Reading." The reader tells the beautiful Christmas story and, during the reading, alphabets to costumes illustrate in pantomime the fears and joys which the angel story conveys. At the critical moment the angels appear, also in costume, and sing the "Angel Song," and as they sing, sparkling stars illuminate the darkness. The cast of characters is: Reader, Miss Genevieve Nelson; alphabets, Messrs. O. E. Webber, Fred Mathies and Theodore Holl; angels, Misses Lina Lottes, Annie Lottes, Emma Wirt, Helen Jensen, Ida Neukirchner, Edna Jensen and Katie Keller. Duets, solos, trios by the members of the choir, and recitations by the children will be scattered through the program. An illuminated Christmas village will shine all the evening, and of course, Christmas gifts will be distributed. Admission free. All are welcome. But this is not all. On

Christmas morning at 6 o'clock, not 6 p. m., the real festival for the older people will be celebrated, and by candlelight only. It's a good thing to sacrifice our ease, our comfort and our sleep on this day, for it will remind us that God also sacrificed something on this day 1925 years ago.  
Win. F. Holl, pastor

**Nazarene.**  
Christmas program, Dec. 24, 7:30 p. m.  
Song by congregation.  
Scripture reading, Matt. 2:1-15  
Invocation—Rev. L. A. Campbell.  
Welcome address—Eva Seeger.  
Recitation, Welcome—Marie Clover.  
Song, Welcome, O Welcome—Primary department.  
Recitation, The Christmas Tree—Chas. Zink.  
Exercise, Star of Hope—Buford Moore, Frank Cain, Gerita Cameron, Helen Fallow, Donald Melane, Lula Moore.  
Recitation, Not Frightened—Doris Moton.  
Exercise, Have You Crowned Him?—Jimmie Cameron, Ellen Cain.  
Song, Dear Little Stranger—Verla Melane, Marie Neukirchner.  
Exercise, Ring, O Ring—Dorothy Rogers, Estella Summers.  
Exercise, The Christmas Stars—Morvin Jordan, part 1.  
Recitation, The Legend of the Christ Child—Mildred Smith.  
Exercise, What Does Christmas Mean to You?—Ruth McDaniel, Buford Moore, Dorothy McCoury.  
Recitation, A Caution—Josephine Cochran.  
Exercise, The Pilgrims Quest—Garth Patterson, Donovan Meggers.  
Song, I Love This Little Stranger—Intermediates.  
Recitation, The Housewife—Ellen Cain.  
Exercise, Gifts for Jesus—Seven Primary Children.  
Reading, The Christ Child—Marjorie Fallow.  
Recitation, The Christmas Tree—Alfred Ziegler.  
Exercise, Jennie's Change—Ruth Fallow, Verla Melane, Marie Neukirchner.  
Song, No Room in the Inn—



## Merry Christmas

Hundreds of millions of people will celebrate it, and as we are engaged in a business of serving the children, we take this way of thanking the children and grown-ups for your cooperation and patronage and wishing all Joy and Happiness.

### Norton's Kiddy Shop



Chorus of Young People.  
Recitation, Good Night—Dale Jordan.  
Benediction—Rev. L. D. Meggers, pastor.



## Wishing You A Merry Christmas

The confidence we enjoy at the hands of our Friends and Patrons is an asset of value beyond measure. It is because of that confidence that the leadership of West's Store has been constantly maintained for more than a quarter of a century. In return we can only give merit and seek to serve you with ever-increasing satisfaction. By doing that we can always help make yours a Happy Christmas Season.

**N. K. West & Co. Inc.**  
"La Grande's Leading Store for 25 Years"



**CLOSING DOWN**  
NIGHT CLUBS  
IN NEW YORK

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"consent decrees" or fight their cases.  
This drive is the largest yet undertaken by Mr. Backus although in two previous drives since he took office he proceeded first against 14 and then against 30 alleged violators. The service of the subpoena complaints is expected to be completed within a few days. Mr. Backus said the cases would be brought to trial as soon after New Year's as possible.  
Lauds, the short-haired grass-hopper, have been a recurring plague through all history. This year they have become a devouring pest in British Columbia.

YOUR confidence in our ability to serve you has made us happy. In return—here's hoping the fullest measure of joy and happiness comes to you and yours this Christmas!  
**Moon Drug Co.**  
Greetings

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